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Assistant Director for Operations

28 February 1949

Chief, FBIB

Visit by Joseph Gentry Fickling, Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Naval Reserve,
to FBIB Monitoring Station, St. Petersburg, Florida

REF. : Attached Letter dated 23 February 1949 from [redacted] FBIB
Radio Operator (Cruising Monitor), St. Petersburg, Florida, to
[redacted], Chief, FBIB Broadcast Information Section,
Washington, D. C.

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1. The above reference attached hereto is self-explanatory.

2. [redacted] is an employee of this Branch who operates
a cruising monitor post at his home in St. Petersburg, Florida. In
compliance with CIA Security Regulations, he has been instructed not
to divulge information relative to his activities without permission
from this office.

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3. It is recommended that:

a. The necessary action be taken through appropriate
channels to ascertain whether or not Joseph Gentry Fickling
is a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve and an
accredited and authorized representative of ONI.

b. The Navy Department be advised of Mr. Fickling's
apparent misuse of his credentials in connection with his
position as Personal Property Appraiser for the City of
St. Petersburg, Florida.

c. Mr. Fickling be properly discouraged from further
investigation of FBIB activities in St. Petersburg without
securing proper clearance from CIA.

4. It is requested that this office be advised of the action taken
and the final disposition of this matter.

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